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### **REMARKS**

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested.

Applicant apologizes for the error noted by the Patent Office in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment.

Applicant has resubmitted the entire claim set, with claim 43 now correctly noted as "cancelled". For the Patent Office's convenience, the entire text of the remarks are also re-submitted herein.

"It is believed that claims 18, 19 (as amended), 20-22, 24-31 and 38-43 read on the Figure 4 subject matter. With all due respect, claims 38-43 are generic to both Figures 4 and 5.

In view of the new restriction, and with all due respect, it is believed that previously withdrawn claims 44-47 should also be included within the elected group. Claim 44 is generic to groups II and III, with claim 46 being specific to Group 2."

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed in this paper. However, failure to address a specific rejection, issue or comment, does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above are not intended to be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

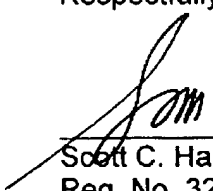
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In view of the above amendments and remarks, therefore, all of the claims should be in condition for allowance. A formal notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

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